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TAGS: SHUM PGOV CGEN US CI  
SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE OF MOFFET/LETELIER CASE

REF: SANTIAGO 1237

1. WITH PARTIAL EXCEPTION OF GOC-OWNED "EL CRONISTA,"  
NEWSPAPERS HERE SEEM TO BE GETTING MESSAGE THAT LETTERS  
ROGATORY FOR WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL ARE LEGAL MATTER ON  
WHICH NEITHER WE NOR GOC WILL HAVE MUCH TO SAY IN NEAR  
FUTURE.

2. ALL MORNING PAPERS FEBRUARY 24 REPORTED EMBASSY CON-  
FIRMATION THAT OFFICIAL VISAS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO WILLIAMS  
AND ROMERAL IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER OF REQUEST FROM THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER  
VALDES, ASKED BY THE PRESS TO COMMENT ON THE EMBASSY  
STATEMENT, SAID THAT THE GOC WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO SAY  
FOR THE PRESENT "BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO INTERFERE IN  
THE LEGAL PROCESS THAT IS GOING TO BE INITIATED."

3. VALDES WENT ON TO REAFFIRM THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
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WILL TRANSMIT THE LETTERS ROGATORY TO THE CHILEAN SUPREME  
COURT AS SOON AS THEY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED BY THE US  
EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT THE GOC HAS THE GREATEST INTEREST  
IN SEEING THIS MATTER CLEARED UP, AND HE REFERRED TO A  
NOTE, DELIVERED BY CAUAS IN WASHINGTON, OFFERING THE  
FULLEST COOPERATION OF THE GOC ON THIS MATTER.

4. THE ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS IN "EL CRONISTA."  
PICKING UP YESTERDAY'S INNUENDO (PARA 4 REFTTEL), THE  
FAILURE OF THE PRESS AS YET TO FIND A TRACE OF EITHER  
ROMERAL OR WILLIAMS, AND THE COINCIDENCE OF THE HRC DEBATE  
ON CHILE IN GENEVA, IT ASKED "WHAT IS BEHIND THIS FLOOD OF  
INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY ON SUCH A VAGUE AND CONTRADICTIONARY  
STORY?"  
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